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THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY.

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(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

Saturday the 4th August 1945|20th Karkatakam 1120.

The House re-assembled in the Council Chamber at 12 noon with the Dewan-President in the Chair.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following members took the oath and signed the Rolls:—

1. Mr. T. K. Gopalan Nair (*Secretary to Government*).
2. Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar (*Director of Agriculture*).
3. Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi (*Director of Public Instruction*).
4. Mr. Kainikara M. Padmanabha Pillai (*Secretary to the Education Reforms Committee*).
5. Mr. H. C. Papworth (*Pro-Vice-Chancellor*).
6. Mr. B. Paramu (*Secretary to Government*).
7. Mr. S. Parthasarathy Iyengar (*Inspector General of Police*).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Collection and distribution of paddy.

391 * MR. D. THOMAS (*Kalkulam cum Vilavancode*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is the policy of the Government to conserve the paddy collected from a particular area for distribution in the same area and to transport only the surplus to other places;

(*b*) the quantity of paddy collected from the taluks of Agastiswaram and Thovala in 1120;

(*c*) the quantity of paddy distributed in these two taluks in 1120; and

(*d*) the quantity of other food grains distributed in these two taluks in 1120?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Food Supplies*): (*a*) Yes as far as practicable.

(*b*) Thovala	...	980092 paras	
Agastiswaram	...	927633 ,,	(Up to 30-11-1120)
(*c*) Thovala	...	42886 paras	
Agastiswaram	...	272428 ,,	(Up to 30-11-1120)

[Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar]

(*d*) Thovala Taluk:—

Wheat	...	404 bags
Pulses	...	16 ,,
Wheat products	...	16 ,,

Agastiswaram Taluk:—

Wheat	...	1276 bags
Maize	...	41 ,,
Bajra	...	338 ,,
Moong or pulses	...	214 ,, (Up to 30-11-1120)

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): May I know whether they expect consignment of paddy from Burma in the near future?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: It is a hypothetical question. We cannot say.

Sale of paddy.

392 *MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartika-palli*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether in the Karunagapalli taluk the paddy is sold at the original rate and the margin caused by the reduced rate is appropriated towards the Vanchi Poor Fund?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: No. The answer to the second part of the question does not arise in view of the answer to the first part.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: Has any complaint been received with regard to the sale of sugar and kerosene oil?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: No, Sir.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: Has not the honourable member Mr. K. G. Kesavan Nair brought such a complaint to the notice of the Government?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: He has brought to notice certain irregularities on the part of the officers and they are under enquiry.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: Do they not relate to the sale of rice and sugar?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: No, Sir.

PRESIDENT: What is the suggestion when it is asked "the paddy is sold at the original rate and the margin caused by the increased rates is appropriated to the Vanchi Poor Fund". Is it appropriated by the officer or the Government?

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: The margin in the price is allotted for the Vanchi Poor Fund. That is what I am told.

PRESIDENT: I think it must be made clear although I personally do not think that there should be such a ban placed on the Vanchi Poor Fund as one party in this House wishes. I still consider that it is extremely irrelevant on the part of any officer of Government to make himself out as canvassing or doing any work for the collection of money for the Vanchi Poor Fund in the course of his official duty. That does not mean that an officer should not be connected with the

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